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Digital Villages
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state: -

(a) whether the Government has proposed to implement Digital Village pilot project;
(b) if so, the details along with the aims and objectives thereof;
(c) the number of villages identified for the project, State-wise;
(d) whether Government proposes to launch the project across the country; and
(e) if so, the details thereof

Answer

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. In line with the vision of Digital India, the Government of India has envisaged the Pilot Project of Digital Village with a view to showcase the transformation that Digital India Programme can bring about to citizens, especially living in the rural areas.

The stated aims and objectives for the pilot project of Digital Village are:

â€¢ Provide basic development services to rural areas using digital technology and demonstrate the potential of digital technologies to improve quality of life in rural areas
â€¢ To facilitate access to regional medical centres for local population for expert opinion, thus, ensuring availability of basic tele-medicine facilities at village level.
â€¢ To provide access to interactive tele-education in local schools at village level.
â€¢ To provide LED lighting and WiFi at a common area in the village.
â€¢ To provide Resource Centres to be used for providing skill development training sessions with experts, government officers etc.

(c), (d) and (e): The envisaged project is in pilot phase. The project is proposed to be launched in 30 States and Union Territories in 1050 Gram Panchayats.

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